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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 71

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

NICK L. SALAZAR

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER FUNDING
A BIOMECHANICS CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, establishing a major center for biomechanics
research and development at the university of New Mexico will
build on twenty-five years of hand biomechanics research and
clinical studies already being conducted in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a biomechanics research and development center
will improve clinical health care such as providing better
medical procedures, prostheses, tendon transfer surgery,
rehabilitation therapy and educational outreach for all New
Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, a center will establish new high-tech biomedical
startup ventures that will create new jobs in New Mexico and

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1 enhance the tax base of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, the center will serve as a platform for building
3 collaborations between the schools of engineering and medicine
4 at the university of New Mexico, with other areas of excellence
5 in other universities, and with the national labs; this
6 collaboration will aid in attracting federal and private funding
7 for the new biomechanics research and development center; and

8 WHEREAS, a center will provide a mechanism for building
9 minority representation in both faculty and student populations
10 at the university of New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the center will provide opportunities for the
12 university of New Mexico to become a principal in high-tech
13 startup ventures; and

14 WHEREAS, associated funding has been given to the
15 university of New Mexico that supports related research; in
16 January, 1995, the national institutes of health awarded the
17 university a grant of approximately one million dollars
18 (\$1,000,000) to conduct research related to biomechanical
19 research, Sandia national laboratories awarded the university a
20 grant to study smart polymer materials that could be used as
21 artificial muscles, and the new center for the study of
22 artificial muscles recently established at the university of New
23 Mexico received grant money to develop powered and unpowered
24 braces to mobilize the elderly or other musculoskeletal-
25 deficient patients;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it consider funding a new biomechanics
research and development center at the university of New Mexico;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives and
the president pro tempore of the senate.

State of New Mexico
House of Representatives

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 12, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: McSherry, Nicely, Wright

Absent: None

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